

## Data Sheet

<b>USAID Mission:</b>	Yemen
<b>Program Title:</b>	Expanded Democracy and Governance in Yemen
<b>Pillar:</b>	Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance
<b>Strategic Objective:</b>	279-008
<b>Status:</b>	New in FY 2004
<b>Planned FY 2005 Obligation:</b>	\$540,000 ESF
<b>Prior Year Unobligated:</b>	\$601,000 ESF
<b>Proposed FY 2006 Obligation:</b>	\$3,233,000 ESF
<b>Year of Initial Obligation:</b>	2004
<b>Estimated Year of Final Obligation:</b>	2006

**Summary:** USAID's new Special Objective 279-008 (SpO-008) "Expanded Democracy and Governance in Yemen" was approved in March 2004 and amends the USAID/Yemen Interim Strategy, 2003-2006, which was approved in May 2003. SpO-008 includes two Intermediate Results: (8.1) Representative Institutions Strengthened and (8.2) Opportunities for Increased Democracy and Governance Supported. In FY 2005, USAID/Yemen will continue to support the Government's decentralization efforts, as well as focus on conflict resolution and strengthening the capacity of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and community based organizations in Yemen. Due to limited ESF funding, it is expected that USAID/Yemen resources under SpO-008 will be leveraged by Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) funds in areas such as NGO capacity building, anti-corruption measures, election support, and conflict mitigation.

### **Inputs, Outputs, Activities:**

**FY 2005 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$490,000 ESF, \$551,000 Prior Year Unobligated ESF). To compliment USAID/Yemen's activities in strengthening government institutions, the Mission will strengthen the capacity of local councils, NGOs, and community based organizations in Yemen through training and workshops in areas such as community representation, advocacy, anti-corruption measures, promotion of pluralism, conflict resolution, networking, management, and budget. USAID will also support the provision of technical assistance in selected governorates to: (a) formalize a conflict resolution organization initiated by tribal and social leaders in selected governorates; (b) develop strategies to effectively integrate traditional conflict resolution methods with modern techniques for mediating and preventing conflict; and (c) support conflict resolution councils as they develop strategies for monitoring and reporting on local development activities.

U.S. State Department Program (\$50,000 ESF, \$50,000 Prior Year Unobligated ESF). Funds will be transferred to the State Department for the creation of an Ambassador's Self-Help Program to assist small grassroots, community-run projects in Yemen.

If Yemen is accepted as a Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Threshold Program Country, USAID will most likely program the added MCA funds under SpO-008 since the majority of activities under the Threshold Program will address reforms in the democracy and governance sector.

**FY 2006 Program:** Strengthen Civil Society (\$1,133,000 ESF). Building on the success of activities implemented in FY 2005, the Mission will continue to strengthen the capacity of NGOs and community based organizations in Yemen through additional training and workshops in areas such as community representation, advocacy, anti-corruption measures, promotion of pluralism, conflict resolution, networking, management, and budget.

Strengthen Democratic National Government Institutions (\$2,000,000 ESF). To address the lack of experience and capacity in public administration in Yemen, USAID/Yemen will support the establishment of a professional, in-service training, certificate program in public administration through a university in Yemen. A core curriculum will be developed in planning, budgeting, management, personnel, and community relations. Additional course segments will be developed for a number of government service

sectors, for example, health and education.

U.S. State Department Program (\$100,000 ESF). Funds will be transferred to the State Department for the creation of an Ambassador's Self-Help Program to assist small grassroots, community-run projects in Yemen.

**Performance and Results:** Due to the approval of the democracy and governance SpO in March 2004, USAID/Yemen was in a position to launch its decentralization and parliamentary reform projects in September 2004. Program design, implementation, and targets are currently being finalized, and the implementation of activities will take full speed in the second quarter of FY 2005.

USAID/Yemen has had to focus its resources on activities in the health and education sectors -- two areas that are in dire need of support in Yemen, especially in the five targeted governorates. USAID/Yemen recognizes the importance of democratic reform in Yemen and has significantly leveraged its funds by partnering with MEPI. Partnering with MEPI has allowed the Mission to considerably strengthen its democracy and governance program, enabling the Mission to conduct critical work in decentralization implementation and parliamentary reform. USAID/Yemen expects that MEPI support for democracy and governance activities in Yemen will continue over the coming fiscal year.

## US Financing in Thousands of Dollars

Yemen

279-008 Expanded Democracy and Governance in Yemen	<b>ESF</b>
<b>Through September 30, 2003</b>	
Obligations	0
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	0
<b>Fiscal Year 2004</b>	
Obligations	45
Expenditures	0
<b>Through September 30, 2004</b>	
Obligations	45
Expenditures	0
Unliquidated	45
<b>Prior Year Unobligated Funds</b>	
Obligations	601
<b>Planned Fiscal Year 2005 NOA</b>	
Obligations	540
<b>Total Planned Fiscal Year 2005</b>	
Obligations	1,141
<b>Proposed Fiscal Year 2006 NOA</b>	
Obligations	3,233
Future Obligations	0
Est. Total Cost	4,419